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Attorney Docket No.: 2004_0490

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Title: IMAGE CODING METHOD, IMAGE CODING AND DECODING METHOD, IMAGE CODING APPARATUS, AND IMAGE RECORDING AND REPRODUCTION APPARATUS

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
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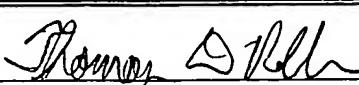
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